

Three-day show presents muscle cars from the past

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Features

To celebrate McArthur Ford's Special Vehicle Team Award from Ford Canada, the president and owner of the Unionville car dealer is hosting a three-day high-performance muscle vehicle show.

The racing division of Ford Canada produces two cars - the Cobra Mustang and a high performance Ford Contour - that can only be sold by SVT dealerships, said Randy State. There are only seven dealers in Ontario that have this special rating.

The show will feature a 1969 Shelby GT500 Convertible, a 1965 Shelby GT350, a 1934 Ford Blown Street Rod (all three of which are owned by State), a 1964 Fairlane Thunderbolt and a 1966 Hertz Shelby Full Race.

All five muscle cars are classics - coming from an era when there were few emission controls on the cars.

"The mission (of that time) was for car manufacturers to out-do each other," said State. State said if Chrysler produced a high horse-powered car, the following year Ford would release one with more power.

"There was a five-year window when they tried to out-do each other."

The brute-power, high performance vehicles were built from 1965 to 1970.

Today, the muscle car era doesn't exist, he said.

"The cars produced today would not compare with cars from the '60s."

1934 Ford Blown Street Rod

The original 1934 Ford was not a high-performance car. This vehicle was narrowed down, the roof was chopped and other modifications were made to change the classic car into a Street Rod. A street rod is a vehicle from the 1920-1930 that has been completely modified in power and shape.

Statistics:

- top speed of 240 km/hr
- fully-blown 350 Chevy engine
- 600 horse power
- 580 pounds of torque
- one of the most powerful Street Rods in Ontario
- took one and a half years to complete

The 1965 and 1969 Shelbys have been restored to their original factory condition. The cars have everything they had when they left the plant - from the factory stamp to the rust proofing spray along the seams.

"Every minute detail (is included)," said State.

He said anyone can have this hobby if they have the time and money to spend restoring the vehicles.

It takes about 12-1,400 hours of labour and \$50-\$70,000 worth of labour and parts to restore a vehicle.

1965 Shelby

- 515 built

- State's car is #81
- there are only a couple 100 left
- The '65 Shelby was used for racing and most were destroyed.
- top speed of 200 km/hr
- fast, powerful and great handling
- 289 cubic-inch engine

- 400 horse power
- loudest Shelby of them all
- featured in Loud & Proud magazine

1969 Shelby

- 335 built
- In 1991 it was verified that there were

- only 100 cars left in the world
- top speed of 200 km/hr
- 428 Cobra Jet Engine
- 400 horse power
- only Shelby convertible in Canada

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1965 SHELBY GT350

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